

ALBUMOAA'S

MAIL CALL



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President's Message

Albuquerque MOAA Vision:

"Recognized as the leading Military Service Organization in central New Mexico, supporting and giving a voice to military retirees, surviving spouse, and veterans of all services."



Dear Albuquerque MOAA (ALBUMOAA) Chapter member:

As your Chapter 2nd Vice President, while performing the duties of President, I recommended Dr. Stacey Goldstein- Dwyer

to the Board and to be our Chapter President. I ask each of you to offer your support to her and the Board of Directors (BOD) as we go forward in 2022. Part of that support would be to consider and step forward to become a member participant on the BOD or committee coordinator for a Board activity. We have a wealth of experience, knowledge, and organizational insight among our members which can be invaluable to ALBUMOAA as we navigate COVID-19 and its mutations; provide issue advocacy for active duty, national guard, families, veterans, and retirees; and promote and support charitable giving programs to veterans and military families. Your knowledge and organizational leadership and influence skills on the playing field, not on the sidelines, can make our chapter more successful.

It is never easy to take the lead. Stacey has taken on our leadership role in conjunction with running a small business in Rio Rancho. She volunteered to take a leadership role in the Chapter when the situation required it. I ask each veteran, retiree, and spouse to consider accepting the mantle of leadership to assist the Chapter in filling the following vacant positions on the Board of Directors and committees:

1st Vice President Board Secretary Legislative Affairs Liaison United Veterans Council Rep Veterans Memorial Rep. Award Presenters at the spri U.S. Navy Rep. U.S. Air Force Rep. USCG Rep.

Award Presenters at the spring JROTC Award Ceremonies

Your participation and support on the BOD and/or committees will be greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

LTC Michael C. Houck, USA (Ret) 2nd Vice President, ALBUMOAA Chapter Former President, ALBUMOAA Chapter



Hello ALBUMOAA Chapter member:

With LTC Michael Houck's resignation as President of the ALBUMOAA Chapter, per our current By-laws, I will step in as President until our annual meeting in the fall.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mike Houck for taking on the role of presidency while maintaining his position as 2nd Vice President. I want to recognize Mike's strong leadership and ability to overcome many challenges our Chapter has faced this past year. His ability to organize, motivate others, and multitask was exceptional.

As my first order of business, I am rescheduling our monthly Board meetings to the first Thursday of every month at 11:30am. Thanks to the efforts of Walter Paul and Reg, attendance can be in-person and via Zoom. Hopefully, doing so will allow more Board members to participate in the monthly meetings. Brown bag lunch is encouraged for those who attend in-person. Our first meeting for the 2022 year, will be held on January 6, 2021 at the Veterans Memorial Park in Albuquerque.

I am a small business owner of three companies, so I ask each ALBUMOAA Chapter member to consider taking a leadership role to fill our vacancies. As a Chapter, it is time we become more active in our community by expanding our existing committees and develop new ones, as well as recruit new members interested in joining our advocacy efforts. If you are interested in becoming more involved in our Chapter, please email me at drgd@gdpsychservices.com.

Thank you for your service to our country and our organization and let's start 2022 with excitement and drive for growth as a Chapter!

Respectfully,

Capt Stacey Goldstein-Dwyer, PsyD., USA (Ret) President, ALBUMOAA Chapter





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In 2012, our Chapter established the Albuquerque Chapter of MOAA Endowment at the Albuquerque Community Foundation (ACF) to enhance our current, and especially our future, ability to contribute to worthy charitable organizations that help military personnel, veterans and dependents. The endowment was initiated in late January of 2012 and has grown as a result of contributions and the growth in the investments. The Board has adopted a policy of using the annual Endowment distribution to increase our giving each year. For those who are so inclined, gifts can be made to the Chapter Endowment as a part of a member's estate or as part of a yearly donation. More information about the annual performance and use of the distribution will be published in a future ALBUMOAA. For questions, the Chapter point of contact is the Treasurer, Clint Whisonant.



ROTC/Awards

LTC Erik Sevigny, USA (Ret)

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Reported By Michael C. Houck, LTC (Ret) USA ALBUMOAA 2nd Vice President

TO ALL MEMBERS:

In the last edition (November – December 2021) I reported the absences and vacancies on the Chapter's Board of Directors due to resignations of elected officers. The principal absence was in the position of the Chapter President. As our Chapter By-laws direct, when there is an absence and vacant elected officer position the Vice President ascends and performs the duties of President. The By-laws also permit the President to appoint a temporary officer to fill an absent and vacant position with the consent of the Board of Directors.

Those who attended the Annual Meeting of Members on October 17th heard the request for any member interested in undertaking the position of President to identify themselves for consideration. If you were in attendance, you will recall that a member did identify herself and express a bona fide interest in undertaking the leadership, responsibilities and tasks associated with being the Chapter President. The Board of Directors interviewed and discussed the individual's interest, availability, and composition of the board. At our Board meeting on December 9, 2021, the Board of Directors appointed Dr. Stacey Goldstein-Dwyer, a regular member of the chapter, to be the Chapter President. The appointment is temporary for the remainder of the two-year term of the previously elected President which will be at the next Annual Meeting of Members in 2022.

As the Chapter 2nd Vice President, performing the duties of President, I recommended her appointment to the board and at this point I would like to introduce Dr. Stacey Goldstein-Dwyer to the members of the Albuquerque MOAA.

Dr. Stacey Goldstein-Dwyer is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of GD Psych Services, LLC, Rio Rancho and Santa Fe, NM formed in 2016. She and her firm also provide background investigative services for employment suitability; and case work for the Department of Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA), US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and US Customs and Border Protection. Additional services have been provided in New Mexico to the Department of Corrections through Correct Care Solutions, LLC at the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center as Mental Health Director (2017-2018) and MHM Services, Inc.-Western New Mexico Correctional Facility for Women (Grants) Clinical Director (2016-2017).

Stacey received her Psy.D., M.A., degree from Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, APA-accredited Doctoral program in Clinical Psychology, Boston, MA., June 2015. She completed her Master's program in Forensic and Counseling Psychology, June 2011 at Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology. She attended Northeastern University in Boston, MA., and received her B.S. in Psychology and B.S. in Criminal in 2009 and studied courses at the University of New Hampshire focusing on Psychology and Criminal Justice in 2004—2005.

Stacey Goldstein-Dwyer is a retired U.S. Army Captain who received a direct commission into the U.S. Army Medical Service Corp. After completing basic officer training, she was assigned to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, serving her APA Clinical Psychology Post-Doctoral Residency (August 2015 – January 2017). Please join me in a warm welcome to our new Chapter President, Dr. Stacey Goldstein-Dwyer.





Reported by Karen Brown

Our Scotland tour and events have all been re-scheduled to 2022 (see below). We are all more than ready to go in 2022!!! Hope you all are staying well and had your COVID vaccinations! Couples, singles and families are welcome!

There have also been FREE tickets offered to groups for a few Popejoy Hall performances, usually on very short notice. So be sure to watch your MOAA emails in case of more lastminute free performances.

February 1, 2022 (Tuesday): 7:30 p.m., Popejoy Hall – HAMILTON (Broadway Musical):



"HAMILTON is the story of America then, told by America now. Featuring a score that blends hip-hop, jazz, R&B, and Broadway... the story of American founding father Alexander HAMILTON and created a revolutionary moment in theatre – a musical that has had a profound impact on culture, politics, and

education." Tickets are no longer available from MOAA – 50 tickets were sold to MOAA members, family & friends. Tickets will be sent out electronically closer to the performance.

May 11, 2022 (Wednesday): 7:30 p.m., Popejoy Hall – COME FROM AWAY (Broadway Musical):



"...the remarkable true story of 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them." Tickets are no longer available from MOAA—15 participants.



MOAA MEMBERS CAN ALSO BUY THEIR OWN MOAA GROUP-PRICED POPEJOY TICKETS ONLINE FOR CERTAIN PERFORMANCES & DATES (Broadway & **Ovation Series):** Here is the group link for our Albuquerque Chapter, MOAA, that you can click on to order your own seats for these specified Broadway performances or other Ovations performances at the group price. Click on http://unmtickets.com/ MOAA. You can then pay for your tickets by credit card & they will be mailed to you.

MOAA 2021 TRIP PLANNED BY SUN TOURS FOR MOAA: All payments go to SUN TOURS,



1700 Louisiana Blvd, Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM 87110. For reservations and information, call Sun Tours at (505) 889-8888. Cancellation insurance is Sun Tours recommended.

August 17-28, 2022 (11 days) – Scotland with Military Tattoo by Globus— Early bird cost is



\$5125/person (double occupancy) and \$5925 (single). Deposit of \$250 holds your space, refundable until February 17, 2022. Here is the new link to this adventure: 2022 MOAA Scotland with Military Tatoo To date, we have ~20 MOAA members/relatives/friends. This is a shared coach tour with Globus, space is on an "as available" basis.

If interested, contact Sun Tours at (505) 889-9999 to confirm availability or put you on the waiting list. COVID-19 safe practices will be used. **Globus** now requires vaccinations! Be sure to have both vaccinations a month prior to departure! This trip is quite active!

MOAA Tours/Events Website Link: https://albumoaa.org/tours-events/



Reported by Lt Col Marsha Thole, USAFR (Ret) Breakfast Club Coordinator

The Breakfast Club is back in business!!

Our next Breakfast Club is Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 0700 hours at Weck's, as advertised in our November—December 2021 newsletter, and will cover our annual NM legislative update. The date is early so you can contact your legislators before the 30-day session begins the following week. Should NM COVID-19 Public Health policies change where we have to cancel an in-person breakfast club activity, please watch for an email from me (marshaauthor@yahoo.com) to those who sent their RSVP by email NLT January 7. Plan B is a virtual breakfast club via Zoom, which would start at 0815. Let's hope we are able to get together, as our last gathering was February 2020. We have hibernated long enough!

For those who send an RSVP, please provide your name, number of people, and phone number. Feel free to bring a guest. If you are unable to attend, please call me at (505-856-2080) so that those on the waiting list can attend in your place. Failing to me notify me of change in plans will prevent those on our waiting list to attend. Please be considerate of others who would like to participate!

COVID PRACTICES: At the present time, we are required to wear a mask when entering the restaurant, using the restroom, paying at the checkout counter, and leaving the restaurant. If health mandates change that affect the Breakfast Club, we will publish updated information on our website. Please stay alert to the public health announcements in the meantime.



Reported by LTC Walter Paul, Interim Leg Chair & Past President

Col Marivn Schott has resigned as Legislative Chair due to family health problems. LTC Walter Paul (USA Ret) is the interim legislative Chair.

MSG Gallegos (EANMG Ret & MVLC Legislative Chair) has contacted Sen Burt and Sen Burt has draft legislation on the Military Retirement Income Tax initiative that he will be introducing. MSG Gallegos is working on setting up a meeting with Sen Burt in early January.

On Sep 16th we sent the letter to Governor Lujan-Grisham (return receipt requested). Her office signed for the letter on the 18th. We left three contact points for the Governor's office to respond (address, email & phone number). To date we received no response from the Governor's office. In late September we requested Sec Sonya Smith (DVS) to set up meetings for us with Tax & Rev and also with the Governor. We received no response from the Secretaries office either.

As of today we have no information if there will be legislation on: Homeless Veterans, Veterans Property Tax revisions or Veteran's Mental Health Initiative. If you would like to receive more information, please email your request to pastpresident@albumoaa.org

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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Albuquerque MOAA Participation in Wreaths Across America Honoring Veterans Interred at the New Mexico Santa Fe National Veterans Cemetery

Reported by LTC Michael Houck, USA (Ret), 2d VP

The Albuquerque MOAA Chapter was represented and participated in honoring veterans by placing fir wreaths at their gravestones and markers at the Santa Fe National Veterans Cemetery. Veterans all across America were honored by Wreaths Across America and local sponsors and volunteers at veterans and designated public cemeteries on December 18, 2020. On that Saturday morning, interred services for veterans were honored at the Santa Fe National Veterans Cemetery. By placing sponsored seasonal fir wreaths and boughs at headstones and markers over 2,700 interred veterans were honored from the over 67,000 grave sites within the Santa Fe National Veterans Cemetery. I would like to thank the MOAA members, surviving spouses, family members, and specifically the daughters of our member veterans who came out to participate and lay wreaths on a sunny, 24-degree morning at the Santa Fe National Veterans Cemetery.

If you were a Wreaths Across America donor to the Santa Fe National Veterans Cemetery or other U.S. Veterans National Cemetery this year, thank you.

If you were not a donor this year, please consider honoring and remembering a deceased veteran at the Santa Fe National Veterans Cemetery or at any other Veterans National Cemetery next year. Also, please join us next year in laying wreaths to honor veterans at the Santa Fe National Veterans Cemetery.

In doing so, you may well recognize and honor a former member of the Albuquerque MOAA Chapter.



CHARITABLE GIVING

The Albuquerque Chapter has been approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public charity. Our Chapter's "Charitable Giving" program has grown as the Ski Club, Tours, special projects and individual donors contribute sizable amounts. Many members donate in conjunction with their dues payment. Donors may contribute to the overall Charitable Giving program, or they may specify their donation to one of the causes listed below.

Charitable Giving (Unspecified)
Blue Star Mothers (Rio Grande & Valencia Chapters)
Gold Star Mothers, Albuquerque Chapter
Albuquerque Fisher House
KAFB Quarterly Awards
NM VA Medical Center
NM Veterans Memorial
ROTC/JROTC Awards
Veterans Integration Center (VIC)
Chapter's Endowment Fund (ACF) and more



Since the last edition, the "Charitable Giving" Program received another \$1168.00 in donations in conjunction with their dues payments from the following 21 members:

Donald R Armstrong Robert F C Boedeker Larry E Bost Karen M Brown Teresa Chanatry Garth P Corey James A Eddings Samuel E Finch Charles E Hammitt Paulette H Herman Michael C Houck

Clarice Jenkins
Rodney A Kontny
Rebecca Long
Mary Kay Olson
Miles B Orton
Walter Paul
Jimmy A Richardson
Robert E Rider

A big THANK YOU for all your generous contributions!

Please send donations to Albuquerque Chapter, MOAA, PO Box 5071, Albuquerque, 87185-5071



Reported by Brig Gen Regner Rider, USAF(Ret)

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TREASURER: Bill Dettmer, billdettmer@comcast.net MEMBERSHIP: Karl Ricker, ksricke@centurylink.net

Our 2022 schedule is planned and ready to go with our first trip on January 7th. Most trips have a few openings left, if not get on the waiting lists.

2022 MOAA Ski Club Schedule:

PURGATORY – <u>January 7-9, 2022</u> (Friday pm – Sunday pm) Coach transportation, lodging at the Best Western Rio Grande, Durango, CO Trip Chair: Ron Salley, 505-798-9904; <u>irsalley@me.com</u>

TELLURIDE – <u>January 22-26, 2022</u> (Saturday am – Wednesday pm) Coach transportation, lodging at Victorian Inn, Telluride, CO Trip Chair: Reg Rider, 505-944-5514; <u>regrider49@gmail.com</u>

BRECKENRIDGE/KEYSTONE – <u>February 6-10, 2022</u> (Sunday am – Thursday am) Coach transportation, lodging at The DoubleTree by Hilton, Breckenridge, CO Trip Chair: Karen Brown, 505-856-1927; <u>kmbrown8@comcast.net</u>

CRESTED BUTTE – February 21-25, 2022 (Monday am – Friday am) Coach transportation, lodging at Old Town Inn, Crested Butte, CO Trip Chairs: Beth Clark, 505-228-2640; nursebeth2@comcast.net and Conni Brooks, 505-620-3795



Meetings & Events

2022 BOARD AND SPECIAL MEETINGS CALENDAR*

JANUARY 6, 2022 FEBRUARY 3, 2022 MARCH 3, 2022 APRIL 7, 2022 MAY 5, 2022 JUNE 2, 2022 JULY 7, 2022 AUGUST 4, 2022 SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 OCTOBER 6, 2022 NOVEMBER 3, 2022 DECEMBER 1, 2022

May 14, 2022—Annual Memorial Service. See page 10 for more information.

*All meetings will start at 11:30 AM MST, unless otherwise noted. Changes to the above meeting dates and times will be announced in the newsletter and mass email distributions to the membership.

The Annual Meeting will be scheduled in the month of October 2022. The specific date will be published in the March—April edition of Mail Call (ALBUMOAA Newsletter) and will also be sent via an email blast to all members.



Surviving Spouse Report

By Katie Fellure, Surviving Spouse Representative



Phase Two of the SBP-DIC Offset Phased Elimination Begins January 1, 2022

The changes affect surviving spouses who are or who will become in the future, eligible for both Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) payments and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) payments and who were previously subject to a full or partial SBP-DIC offset. Benefits will be paid on February 1, 2022 to eligible survivors.

In Phase Two of the SBP-DIC Offset Phased Elimination the amount that is offset (deducted) from the spouse's SBP annuity payment will be one- third of the amount of the DIC payment. DIC payments will not be affected.

The SBP-DIC offset will be fully eliminated as of January 1, 2023. That means you will begin to receive your full SBP payments with no offset (reduction) on February 1, 2023 and SSIA will **NOT** be paid.

Reminder: If you previously received a refund of SBP premiums paid due to the SBP-DIC offset, you will NOT need to pay back that refund because of this change in the law. Annuitant Account Statements are available in your myPay account at myPay Web Site (dfas.mil)



Upcoming MOAA Memorial Service:

Please mark Saturday, May 14, 2022, on your calendar. Our Albuquerque Chapter will have their annual Memorial Service at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial Amphitheater (Louisiana, just north of Gibson) for all our deceased MOAA members, spouses or family members of the past three years – to date, there are 31 deceased. The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. Family and friends of deceased are invited to join us, along with all our MOAA membership.

Veterans Day Ceremony at NM Veterans' Memorial



Our Chapter participated at the November 11 2021 Veterans Day Ceremony at the NM Veterans' Memorial, which was hosted by the Association of US Army. Erik Sevigny and Mike Houck represented our Chapter at our table providing attendees with information on our Chapter. Below are photos from the event:



Erik Sevigny and Mike Houck



Erik Sevigny



Reported by Karen Brown

Membership Stats (as of December 17, 2021)

Regular: 186

Surviving Spouse: 52 Associate: 44 Total: 281 (+4)

A warm welcome to the following new members and spouses:

Regular

COL Jeffrey N Younggren, USA (Ret) (Garnett)

Surviving Spouse

Cara Edgar-Wells

We have begun collecting Chapter dues for 2022. If you wish to pay by check, please use the application on the last page of this newsletter to send in your dues. Or you may also use the online **Renew Membership** application https://albumoaa.org/renew-membership/ and pay by PayPal or check - you must log in to do this. **THANK YOU** to all those who have already paid dues, along with donations!

We hope you have checked out our website www.albumoaa.org – see links on top of Home page. You do not have to log in to see Chapter Information, NM Legislative Info, Photo Gallery, Newsletters, Clubs (Breakfast, Tours & Ski), etc. Log in is only necessary to access the online Members Directory (under Members Only) and to Renew Membership. Please let Karen know if you have problems logging in kmbrown8@comcast.net or 505-856-1927.





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Albuquerque Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America

Eligible for membership: Commissioned or Warrant Officers, or their Surviving Spouses
Army—Marine Corps—Navy—Air Force—Coast Guard—Public Health Service—
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
Regular-Reserve-National Guard-Active Duty-Retired-Former Officers
Please Print Clearly or Apply Online at www.albumoaa.org



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(Active Duty,Retired, _	Former Officer,	Surviving Spouse) (Regular, _	Reserve,	National Guard (_	MaleFemale)	
Would you be willing to assist in the operation of the Albuquerque Chapter of MOAA? If so, what would be your main area of interest?							
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